QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Mulbagal and K. Byapalli road works

631. Sri P. MUNIYAPPA (Mulbagal),—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reason for not taking up the work of Mulbagal and K. Byapalli road so far though it was taken over by P.W.D. two years ago ;

(*b*) when this work will be started ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Due to paucity of funds.

(*b*) When financial position improves.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance

MADAM SPEAKER.—Next item, call attention notice by hon. Member Sri B. V. Kakkilaya and Sri V. N. Patil.

(*i*) *re* : *Inadequate staff in Government High School, Chitagappa*

Sri B. V. KAKKILAYA (Buntwal).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to the inadequate staff in Government High School, Chitagoppa.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—I state as follows :

A few days back there was a demonstration by the students of Government High School, Chitagoppa in Humnabad Taluk, Bidar District. The deomonstration was undertaken by the students to press their demand for posting of three teachers to the High School Classes in this school. The vacancies in these three posts arose on account of the deputation of three teachers to B.Ed. Training.

2. On hearing about the demonstration in the High School, the Deputy Director, Bidar, went to the spot and settled the issue by deputing three teachers from the neighbouring schools. This demonstration seems to have been undertaken by the students not knowing that the training substitutes would be posted. The strike

lasted only for a few hours on that day and the school has settled down now for normal work as the three vacancies have been filled up by deputation of teachers from the neighbouring schools.

3. When teachers are deputed for training, it is always ensured that substitutes will be appointed. However, some times there is likely to be some time lag between relief of the deputed teacher and the reporting of the substitute. In this case, suitable arrangements to post those substitutes having been made already, no further action is called for. The High School is functioning normally.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The next calling attention notice by Sri S. Bangarappa, but the hon. member is absent. Next call attention notice by Hon. Member Sri Kalmankar.

(ii) re: Grievances of Cinema Employees Association.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Labour to the grievances of Cinema Employees' Association as detailed in their memorandum submitted to the Minister for Labour.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—I state as follows ;

Sri D. B. Kalmankar MLA., has called the attention of Government to the plight of the Mysore State Cinema Employees' Association as detailed in their Memorandum addressed to the Minister for Labour on 10th July 1972, particularly to the denial of the benefits to the Cinema Employees from the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, though the industry is making fabulous profits. Being aware of the conditions of Cinema employees and also considering the fact that the employees in the said industry were not well organised, Government have constituted a Committee under Section 5(1) (*a*) read with Section 9 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, to hold enquiries and advise the Government in respect of employment in the film-industry (including the exhibition sector) vide their Notification No. FCL 23 LMW 70, dated 13th May 1971. The Committee has already started its deliberations and is collecting necessary data. The Committee is being requested to expedite its final recommendations.

The Memorandum also refers to certain matters raised in conciliation by the Mysore State Cinema Employees' Association. Government have, vide No. FCL 956 LLD 71, dated 14th February 1972 referred the disputes raised by the Association relating to Wage Scales, fitment into the new scales, payment of Dearness Allowance, working hours, bonus, grant of national and festival holidays and payment of gratuity. The said dispute concerns workmen in 45 cinema theatres and exhibitors of Bangalore. In respect of the dispute concerning workmen of another 5 theatres, it is being examined in view of the agreements claimed by the Managements.